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1. IN STATEMENT PUBLISHED TANZANIA PRESS APRIL 3, FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL DENIED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED FUTURE MILITARY TIES WITH PORTUGAL DURING THIS WEEK'S TALKS WITH PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER (REFTEL). (TANZANIA DAILY NEWS APRIL 2, UNDER BANNER HEADLINE "PORTUGAL READY FOR JOINT MILITARY TIES" QUOTED MTG PRIME MINISTER JOAQUIM CHISSANO AS SAYING JOINT PORTUGUESE-MOZAMBIKAN COMMISSIONS WOULD CONSIDER "ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS". SWAHILI-LANGUAGE UHURU HAD SAME STORY WITHOUT HEADLINE.)

2. MACHEL SAID MILITARY RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL WERE OUT OF THE QUESTION, BECAUSE OF PORTUGAL'S MEMBERSHIP IN NATO. HE SAID (ACCORDING TO UHURU), "WHAT WE AGREED TO WITH THE DELEGATES FROM PORTUGAL WAS THAT AFTER INDEPENDENCE TECHNICIANS FOR VARIOUS EQUIPMENT SUCH AS WARSHIPS, AIRCRAFT AND OTHER THINGS WHICH OUR PEOPLE ARE NOT YET CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING WILL REMAIN BEHIND (AFTER JUNE 25)." DAILY NEWS VERSION OF STORY QUOTES MACHEL AS SAYING THAT PORTUGAL WOULD LEAVE BEHIND CERTAIN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, AND THAT "SOME PORTUGUESE MILITARY PERSONNEL MAY HAVE TO REMAIN BEHIND TO ACQUAINT THE PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE WITH THE USE AND SERVICING OF THESE INSTALLATIONS.

3. COMMENT: CLARIFICATION PRESUMABLY MADE NECESSARY BY DAILY NEWS HEADLINE SUGGESTING MILITARY ALLIANCE BETWEEN SOCIALIST MOZAMBIQUE AND A MEMBER OF "IMPERIALIST" NATO. BUT EVIDENTLY AT LEAST A FEW PORTUGUESE MILITARY ARE TO STAY ON AFTER INDEPENDENCE.
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